



INSIDE

the School District of University City

A publication for and about the staff of the School District of University City

December 2010

United Way campaign exceeds goal

Thanks to the generous contributions of employees, we exceeded our monetary goal for this year's United Way campaign. The goal was \$3,000 and our employee contributions reached \$4,057 with 10% of employees making a pledge!

We challenged each building to support the campaign by offering lunch for the building with the highest percentage of employees participating. Our winning building is the Lieberman Learning Center with 100% participation. Second place was McNair with 23.9% and third place Flynn Park with 21%.

For more information about the United Way, visit <http://www.stl.unitedway.org>.

Nominations for staff and community recognitions

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond the status quo to inspire others in our school community? If so, consider nominating them for one of the School District of University City's recognition awards including Teacher of the Year, Educational Support Personnel of the Year or PACEsetter. Nomination forms are available from school offices or at <http://tinyurl.com/UCNoms>.

For details about District recognitions or the selection process, call 314/290-4019.

School board filing schedule

Candidate filing begins at 8 a.m. on Dec. 14 and closes at 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 for three seats on the University City Board of Education. Election day is April 5, 2011. For details, contact Charlotte Tatum at 314/290-4003 or ctatum@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Elementary Boundary Decision

The new elementary attendance areas were approved by the University City Board of Education on Nov. 11 and will begin in the 2011-12 school year.

Final maps are available at <http://tinyurl.com/boundarylines2010>.

Community involvement in our schools

Have you worked with a local business or organization to enhance learning in your classroom or school? The District wants to highlight these learning opportunities.

E-mail information to Linda Russell or CarolAnn Cole.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MLK Spirit Award nominations are due Friday, December 3.

Forms are available at <http://tinyurl.com/MLKSpirit>.

UCEF Plowsharing fundraiser

will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 at 6271 Delmar.

UCity Equations hosts practice session on Dec. 4 and tournament on Feb. 26.

Registration information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/UCEq2011>.

Communitywide MLK

Celebration moves to Saturday. Parade begins at 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 in front of Jackson Park School. Program immediately follows in the UCHS auditorium.

Spring UCEF cycle grant

application deadline is Jan. 26. Applications are available at <http://tinyurl.com/UCFgrantAps>.

Centennial Kick-off is being

planned for Feb. 21. Watch for details to come.

Seussical the Musical will be

held on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 2 and 7 p.m. in the UCHS auditorium.

The Miracle Worker will be

presented by the UCHS Black Mask Drama Club at 7 p.m. on April 15 and 16 in the UCHS Lecture Hall.



Construction Updates

Construction crews remain hard at work throughout the District to bring exciting changes to nearly every building during this school year, thanks to the passage of the \$53.6M Prop U bond issue in April 2009.

For current status and next steps for District construction and renovation projects, visit <http://tinyurl.com/BondProjectsUpdate>.

For families with special needs

An informal parent-to-parent coffee for University City parents and families interested in asking questions or sharing experiences regarding children with special needs. District faculty is asked to share with parents that Special School District (SSD) representative will be on hand on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Jackson Park School library. SSD also offers free parent workshops throughout the year. Visit <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ssd/cw/main.asp> for a complete listing or call 314/989-7807 to register.

For more details contact Shelley Shray, University City's parent representative to the Parent Advisory Council for SSD, at 314/863-1918 or sshray@sbcglobal.net.

Centennial Celebration

In just a few short months, the School District of University City will kick off its 100th birthday celebration with events throughout the year. Mark your calendars for Monday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. for the Centennial Kickoff. Watch the District website at www.ucityschools.org and school publications for location and other details to come.

Inclement weather closings

If schools are closed for inclement weather conditions, parents/guardians and staff will receive a SchoolReach phone message with specific information. School closing information will be posted on the District website at www.ucityschools.org and shared with local radio and television stations.

What's happening in the District?

For the latest information on events and activities, visit the District's webcalendar (Calendar of Events tab) at www.ucityschools.org.

Applicants for admission or employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral, and all professional organizations that have entered into agreements with the School District of University City are hereby notified that our School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Inquiries or concerns regarding the application of this notice may be referred to our School District's Compliance Coordinator for civil rights laws, Dr. Darryl O. Cobb, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, 8136 Groby Road, University City, MO 63130, phone (314) 290-4021. Any person who is unable to resolve a problem or grievance arising under Title VI (race/color/national origin), Title IX (sex), the Age Discrimination Act (age), Section 504 (disability), or Title II of the ADA (disability), may contact the Office for Civil Rights, Region VII, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; phone (816) 268-0550.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Matt Keller has been named the 2010 Missouri Boys' Track Coach of the Year by MSHSAA.

Nikki Weiss, teacher at Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, received OfficeMax's A Day Made Better Award and a box of classroom supplies.

RESOURCES

Graphic Organizers present

information in a different, more visual way. Links with printable samples and templates:

- **TeacherVision** at tinyurl.com/teachVis.
- **EdHelper** at www.edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm.
- **EduPlace** at www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer.
- **Technology** at www.teach-nology.com/worksheets/graphic.

XEROX GOING GREENER KIT and other small business office tips can help create a more eco-friendly classroom, visit tinyurl.com/xeroxGoGreener.

XEROX TEMPLATES in MSWord for K-12 educators, visit tinyurl.com/xeroxK12Temp. For templates for other business purposes such as calendars, postcards, presentations, etc., visit tinyurl.com/xeroxTemp.

HAVE A RESOURCE TO SHARE?

Email ccole@u-city.k12.mo.us.

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